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Duxbury's Athletic Past

would go undefeated in all their races leading to the Adams Cup.

Winning four North American Championships and finishing second on three occasions, Everdell explained in 1971 how she got it done.

"You do the best you can. You get a few breaks and lots of luck. It's looking pretty good, then it's over and you've won. No skipper can do it without a well-coordinated crew. It takes team work and we had that."

In 1973 she earned the Frostbite Society's Hill Trophy and ended up as the winningest sailor to ever participate in the Adams Cup.

SARA DANNER SAWYER

Growing up in Duxbury with her two brothers, Sally Sawyer had a love for Duxbury Bay and the opportunity it gave her to develop her sailing skills.

She eventually moved to Greenwich, Connecticut to raise her family, but always remained a summer resident.

Long Island Sound is not Duxbury Bay, but what she learned as a child had great benefits for her sailing career down the road. In 1942 through 1954, Sawyer earned many sailing trophies and bowls from the D.Y.C., and was the two-time winner of the SYCE Cup; the Long Island Sound Yacht Club Racing Association Championship.

She has participated in the Mrs. C. F. Adams Cup numerous times, twice representing the Riverside Yacht Club of Greenwich, Connecticut as its skipper. In 1971 her boat won the Adams Cup with Pamela O'Day, Mrs. David Fogg, and Rusty Everdell. Sally contin-

ues to share her time between Greenwich and Duxbury and is an inspiration as an early female athlete.

EDWARD B. HUTTON, "BUD"

In the book *Reckless Youth*, Bud is credited with advising the future President how to win a sailing race using techniques he learned from sailing on Duxbury Bay. The year was 1938; Bud was on the Harvard University Varsity Sailing Team; two of his fellow crewmembers were Joseph P. Kennedy, '38 and his younger brother John F. Kennedy, '40. That year they won the McMillian Cup for large boat competition in college sailing. Bud went on to win many races on Duxbury Bay sailing a Duck Class boat his "Decoy". He was the D.Y.C. Commodore in 1971 and '72, and also the President of The Duxbury Rural and Historical Society. He never stopped giving of himself and in 1998 he was inducted into the Harvard University Varsity Club Hall of Fame.

DAVID A. MITTELL SR.

A topflight squash player and goalie of Harvard's 1939 Varsity Hockey team, Mittell dominated DYC tennis in the '40s and '50s, winning 17 titles in all, including 10 singles championships. He won his first singles tournament in 1940 and won his final senior men's double crown in 1981. He also won a senior men's golf championship. A summer resident for many years and a year-rounder for a few, he now lives in Plymouth.



Cris Eaton, the "First Lady of Massachusetts Golf"



EMILY HEWITT

A Duxbury summer resident for over 52 years, Hewitt was an outstanding all-round athlete. She had a vast range of athletic talents and was a competitor in field hockey, basketball, handball, tennis, lacrosse, squash, and golf. She played three sports at Vassar College, was the two-time women's tennis champion at The Country Club in Brookline, and won more than 49 tennis and golf championships at the D.Y.C.

GEORGE "SAMMY" TERAVAINEN

While the names Garrity and Curley dominate the history of Duxbury HS basketball, the first true star in town was George Teravainen, affectionately referred to as Mr. T. by many of those who know him.

In the days when a two-handed set shot was the norm, Teravainen took a different approach and developed a one-handed jumper which enabled him to win the South Shore League scoring title.

Coach Ralph Blackman also had high praise for Teravainen's all-around game.

"He's a fine type of basketball player," Blackman said. "He is co-operative in every sense, a good passer, and he has not been playing through the season in an effort to establish a scoring record. He is not a point 'hog' and that's why I have placed him high in the ranks of basketball players."

Sammy eventually became the men's head basketball coach at DHS and took his team to the EMASS Championship in 1961, followed a year later by a memorable one-point loss to Westwood HS in the EMASS Finals at the Boston Garden.

THE LAWSON FAMILY

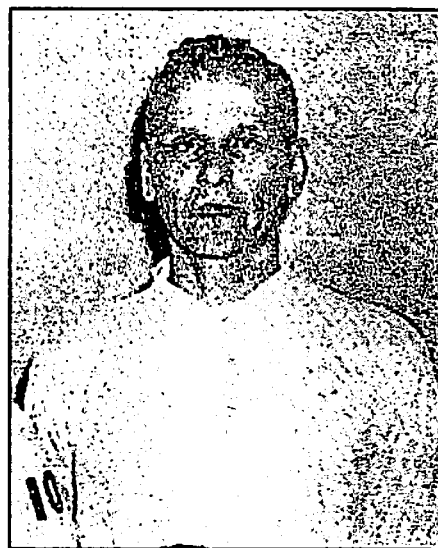
Over a period of about 75 years the Lawson family has won almost every sailing award given in the town, including over 110 awards from the D.Y.C. They have sailed in the Mrs. C.F. Adams Cup, the Women's National Sailing Championship, the Sears Cup, and the National Junior Sailing Championship. In 1924 a Lawson won the Massachusetts Women's Sailing Championship. Four members of the family have been D.Y.C. Commodores over that period, participating in other sports and competing at the highest levels in local tennis and golf. Their dedication and commitment to the needs of Duxbury sailing is exemplified by Ned Lawson's direction and leadership of the Duxbury Bay Maritime School.

C. ERIC OLSEN

As a young man, Olsen learned to sail on the waters of Duxbury Bay, using that experience to represent the United States in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia and to skipper the M.I.T. sailing team to two intercollegiate dinghy championships.

J. S. WILBOR

In 1926 with the Sears Cup competition in its infancy, a young J.S. Wilbor took his Duxbury sailing experience and won the National Junior Championship with a two-man crew of Duxbury residents; Ed Kelly Jr., and Bert Currier.



George "Sammy" Teravainen



The winning crew of the 1971 Mrs. C.F. Adams Cup: Sara Danner Sawyer, Daphne Fogg, Rusty Everdell and Pamela O'Day.